



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY
OCTOBER 25, 2018

WHEREAS, the citizens of North Dakota stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they provide safe, challenging and engaging learning experiences for children, support working families, build stronger communities and engage families, schools and community partners in advancing the welfare of our children; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youths, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

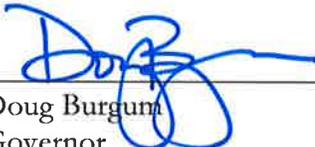
WHEREAS, Lights on Afterschool, the national celebration of afterschool programs held this year on October 25, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, more than 28 million children in the United State have parents who work outside the home, and 15.1 million of those children have no place to go after school; and

WHEREAS, many afterschool programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe that they are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that will help close the achievement gap and prepare young people to compete in the global economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 25, 2018, **LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY** in the State of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State